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Thru the smoke and haze of the atomic bomb which Russia lately exploded into the headlines of a world press, we may yet glimpse a vision of enduring peace.

In a very real sense, the Soviet Republic exploded that bomb in the heart of America. And if the blast did violence to our chauvinistic complacency, the loss may yet prove a glittering gain.

Now we know. Narrow minds have been stretched to encompass a terrifying truth: what man has done, another will presently duplicate or surpass. Peoples of one tongue cannot long monopolize a vital weapon of war. An armament race is as endless—and as pointless—as a treadmill.

Yesterday a spirit of internat'l accord was a nebulous desire. Today it is an imperative necessity. Renouncing the gloom of defeat and the vitriol of defiance, let us re-examine our world of closeted terrors. Let us, with renewed determination, seek to reconcile our differences and dissensions. As surely there is amongst us enough temperate wisdom to bar forever the forces of eternal destruction. If it be not so, then we are purposeless puppets upon an earth deserving a better breed of men.

Maj-Gen LESLIE R GROVES, wartime chief of atomic bomb production: "In the last few years we have put our trust in an atomic bomb. In what shall we put our trust now?" 2-Q

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "I believe the American people to the fullest extent consistent with the nat'l security are entitled to be informed of all developments in the field of atomic energy . . . We have evidence that within recent wks an atomic explosion occurred in the U S S R . . ." 1-Q

Dr HEWLETT JOHNSON, "Red" Dean of Canterbury: "(Russian scientists) are more interested in developing atomic power for industrial purposes than in making explosions to kill people." 3-Q

Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, pres, Columbia Univ: "I see no reason why a development that was anticipated yrs ago should cause any revolutionary change in our thinking or in our actions." 4-Q

Dr HAROLD C UREY, atomic scientist: "There is one thing which is much worse than one nation having the atomic bomb and that is to have two nations possessing it." 5-Q

Moscow house painter, unconcerned over announcement of Soviet atomic weapon: "I have always felt that we had atomic weapons if anyone had them. Now I am sure about it." 6-Q

Gen WALTER BEDELL SMITH, former Ambassador to Soviet Union, predicting Russians will need 10 yrs to mass-produce atom bombs on present U S scale: "American people go to war like a man getting up on a cold morning to empty the garbage can . . . Regrettably, other nations do not have the same concept of war that we have." 7-Q

Osservatore Romano, Vatican newspaper: "Between the 2 roads of peace at the price of preparing

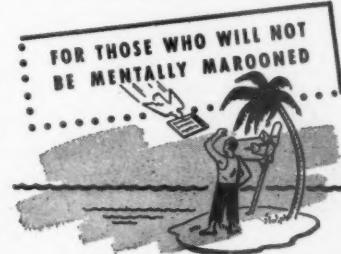
for war, and of war at the price which it costs in turn, there is a 3rd way—that of renunciation of the most terrible and inhuman arm, as was necessary in the case of poison gas." 8-Q

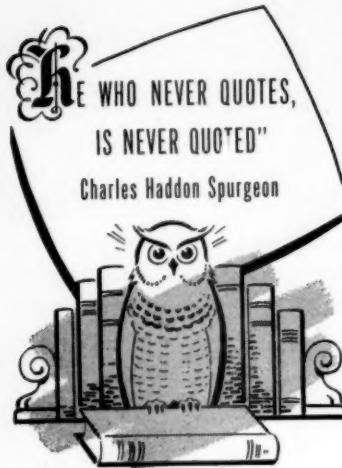
C G BOISSIERE, French journalist, in *Monde*: "Our planet is decidedly becoming much too small for the new devices man is inventing." 9-Q

Gen OMAR N BRADLEY, ehmn, Joint Chiefs of Staff: "The calmer the American people take this the better. We have anticipated it for 4 yrs and it calls for no change in our basic defense plan." 10-Q

VLADIMIR HOUBEK, UN delegate from Czechoslovakia when told of Russian discovery: "Is that so? Okay." 11-Q

Dean JOHN B THOMPSON, of Univ of Chicago chapel: "No stockpile ever can be large enough to protect us. There is no military defense . . . At last there is no alternative. We must turn and live with one another." 12-Q





ADVICE—1

When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants, and I give it to him.—JOSH BILLINGS, humorist.

AIR AGE—2

Washington D C flying instructors tell their students: "There's only 1 thing you have to worry about in aviation these days. Make sure you get to and from the airport safely in your automobiles." —*Flying*.

ATOMIC ENERGY—3

Atomic bombs, unlike the aircraft that may deliver them, do not obsolesce. They have the unique characteristic of being redeemable for peacetime application in atomic power plants. For the 1st time in the history of military weapons, we can stockpile a critical item of equipment and regard it as "money in the bank."—R E LAFF, *Must We Hide?* (Addison-Wesley)

BOOKS—4

To desire to have many books and never use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while he is sleeping.—HENRY PEACHAM, *NEA Jnl.*

MAXWELL DROKE, Publisher



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CENSORSHIP—5

A Washington notable who just ret'd from Buenos Aires, learned the fears of the police state, where all telephone and dinner-party conversations are guarded lest they be overheard or recorded by wire-taps . . . Evita and Juan Peron, nevertheless, were the topics of conversation at the parties. As each guest arrived, the hosts would whisper the code names—"Margaret and Michael," or "Greta and Geo," or "Sally and Stephen" — which would be used in discussing Evita and Peron in rooms which may have been wired, or in front of eavesdropping servants who might be govt informers.—LEONARD LYONS, *McNaught Syndicate*.

COURAGE—6

Standing, as I do, in the view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone. — EDITH CAVELL, English nurse, just before her execution by Germans, World War I, quoted by ERNEST PROTHROE, *A Noble Woman*. (Epworth, London)

CRITICISM—7

Only people who do things get criticized.—*Wesley News*.

CURRENCY—Value—8

I reckon I'm basically pretty weak. Doc just checked me over and said I was sound as a dollar. — WARREN C NELSON, *Lebanon (Ohio) Western Star*.

DETERMINATION—9

Dreams provide a worthy impulse . . . determination brings them to life.—*Coin Machine Jnl.*

DRINK—Drinking—10

According to all recent developments of scientific opinion it is not improbable that a belief in the stimulating and supporting qualities of alcohol will eventually become as obsolete as a belief in witchcraft.—*Times*. (London)

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EDUCATION—11

Does education pay? Does it pay to sharpen tools before working with them?—EARL RINEY, *Church Management*.

FAITH—12

An Eastern story tells of a poor woman who asked the Sultan that she be recompensed for some property. "And how did you come to lose it?" he inq'd. "I fell asleep, and while I was sleeping a robber entered my bldg," she repl'd. "And why did you fall asleep?" The reply of the woman so greatly pleased the Sultan he ordered her loss be made up. She ans'd: "I fell asleep because I believed you were awake." — EDWIN G FRYE, *Telescope-Messenger*.

FIRE*—Statistics—13

Every day there are 700 home fires, 28 deaths by fire, 130 store fires, 100 factory fires, 7 church fires, 7 school fires, 4 theater fires and 3 hospital fires.—*L & N Employees' Mag.*

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Each yr the trees destroyed in our annual record of 200,000 forest fires would be sufficient to build 86,000 5-room houses, and would also supply sufficient pulpwood to take care of the paper needs of practically every newspaper in the country. But forest fires destroy more than valuable timber—they destroy wildlife and humus in the soil. Erosion is a natural result, and, since fire-scarred land can't retain water, floods invariably follow. The total damage in lost timber, wasted soil, ruined grazing lands and floods, amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars each yr.—GRAHAM PATTERSON, publisher, *Pathfinder*.

FREEDOM—Lack—14

Czech tourists say anyone going into the U S Information Service library in Prague is photographed from a window across the st. Too many visits—even to read the lat-

W. K. GREEN, Business Manager

est comic books—might earn a library lover the Siberian deep-freeze treatment. — FRED SPARKS, *Chicago Daily News*.

They say . . .

Good old days are back again. Some car dealers, according to *Printers' Ink*, are complaining that makers are sending cars they haven't ordered—a common and irritating practice pre-war. . . U S Customs Court recently handed down a decision to the Treasury some 7 pages long to the effect that a zipper is *not* a machine . . . *Pravda* proclaimed to the world last wk an add'l title to Jos STALIN's already impressive list of generalissimo, premier and sec'y-gen'l of Communist party. Latest moniker: "Comdr-in-Chief of Genius" . . . Practicing, perhaps, for the coming holiday rush, one shoplifter pulled a neat trick in a Hartford, Conn, grocery. Ripped out a pay telephone booth during a rush hr, carried it away without catching anyone's eye . . . Anything-but-soothing-note-for-jangled-nerves dept': Scientists report that during the 600 yrs between 1st use of gunpowder and TNT, explosive power was only doubled; with splitting of the atom, it was jumped 17 million times!

GOSSIP—15

Many a business has felt the sting of gossip. The classic example is the big cigarette co that was victimized some yrs ago. A story spread, with gossip's incredible speed, that a leper had been found working in one of the co's factories. Sales were menaced. Public confidence was shaken.

Desperately the co tried to spike the rumor—not a word of which was true. It offered rewards for detection of the gossip-spreaders. It published Bd of Health reports. Still the gossip took a toll of tens of thousands of dollars.—HOWARD WHITMAN, "Gossip Can Be Dynamite," *This Wk*, 9-18-'49.

HOUSING—Germany—16

Housing shortages have called forth unusual human tendencies: recently news of a murder was announced over the radio in Munich.

Even before the victim had been buried 60 people had tried to get his living quarters. — *Der Stern*, Duisburg, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

HOLLYWOOD—17

If you took every brightly colored toy and gimcrack they sell in a souvenir shop, or in a 5 & 10¢ store basement, and blew it up to enormous size, and scattered it over mi's of desert, and strung up a few painted-cardboard mountains in the background, and planted some tropical trees and flowers here and there among the filling stations, you would have Hollywood—or a reasonable facsimile thereof.—KATHARINE BRUSH, *Out of My Mind*. (Doubleday)

IDEAS—18

An American will tinker with anything he can put his hands on. But how rarely can he be persuaded to tinker with an abstract idea!—LELAND STOWE, American journalist, *NEA Jnl*.

INGENUITY—19

Since the Hungarian border police are patrolling with bloodhounds, smugglers have taken to carrying sacks of cats, which they release as soon as the dogs come near, causing the hounds to lose interest in mere humans.—*Die Zeit*, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—20

When children begin to say, "Yes ma'am," to the teacher once again, the juvenile delinquency problem will be on its way to solution.—*Voice*.

LANGUAGE—21

Edw Bok* reminisced: "I remember when a boy I asked my father once which, to his mind, was the hardest word in the English language. Without a moment's hesitation, he ans'd, 'No!' 'No?' I echoed in surprise. 'Exactly,' he ans'd. 'Not in spelling, as I suppose you mean. But you will find as you go along that it is the hardest word in the English language.' I did. And difficult it was at times to say, as my father had predicted." — WALTER L MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

MEMORY—22

One is able to run away from a reality, but never from a memory.—*P E O Record*.

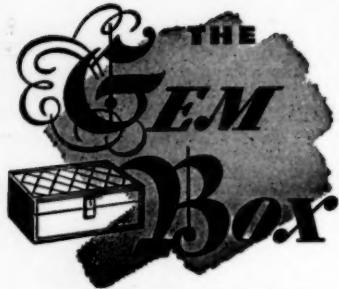
MONEY—23

A life motivated only by the desire for money and what it represents means, in the end, not only a barren, unlovely existence for the individual but a threat to all society.—FLORENCE HALE, *Grade Teacher*.



This is the remarkable story of an Englishman who inherited a weak constitution. His six brothers and sisters died in infancy. So wretched was his health that he could remain in school but a few mo's at a time. In the middle twenties he toured Southern Europe, virtually an invalid. There he encountered a vision that transformed his whole life. Under its spell he began, and carried to brilliant conclusion, what is perhaps the most exhaustive—and exhausting—literary labor ever completed by a single individual.

All this began 185 yrs ago. The ever-meticulous Edw GIBSON tells us that, "It was at Rome, on the 15th of Oct, 1784, as I sat musing amongst the ruins of the Capitol . . . that the idea of writing the decline and fall of the city 1st started to my mind."* Nearly 23 yrs later he was to make another significant entry to his jnl: "It was on the night of the 27th of June, 1787, between the hrs of 11 and 12, that I wrote the last lines of the last page." In the interval, the invalid, GIBSON, had done a fantastic am't of research, tracing even the most obscure and trivial items to original sources. His monumental work, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, embraces 6 fat vol's, nearly 4,000 printed pages. It contains approx 1,200,000 words, not including a quarter of a million words of footnotes. Small wonder no one reads GIBSON nowadays! Modern historians have condensed and excised his work. But he remains the supreme authority on the decadence of the Roman Empire.



Touchdown for Brotherhood

One Autumn afternoon, in the early 1900's, a lad walked down the st of a little town in Kans. It was a beautiful day, but he noticed nothing. He had something on his mind that was making him frown. The boy looked up startled when his old friend, Dr Forrester said, "Hello there, don't you recognize people any more? I was expecting you to be pleased as punch. Not every boy gets to be capt of the football team. Instead, you look as if you had the troubles of the world on your shoulders."

The lad smiled sadly, "I was proud—but something's come up that's taking all the joy out of life. The team refuses to go thru with a big game next wk just because 1 player is a Negro." His voice rose with anger. "Can you beat that? What's the color of a guy's skin got to do with his being able to play football? We were all created by the same God, weren't we? Boy! Those guys make me sore!"

He cont'd slowly, "I'm going to have it out with the team this afternoon. I won't have any part of it. They may turn against me; but it's worth it."

Dr Forrester shook the boy's hand, "Good boy—go to it!"

The young capt waited until after football practice was over. At first he spoke quietly, but finally his courage mounted and he stormed: "I'm ashamed of you, every last one of you—pretending you believe in fair play and justice and then calling off a game because a player is colored . . . better get yourself another capt—I'm thru!" He stalked out.

The boys stood motionless, as if stunned. Then the quarterback, Mickey Goldstein, said, "How about it, fellas—let's call him back. I

ORIGIN: "Naked Truth"—24

There is a fable in one of the odes of Horace, about how Truth and Falsehood went swimming together. Falsehood stole Truth's clothing, and Truth preferred to go naked rather than appear in the garments of Falsehood. We must thank Horace and his translators for the phrase.—*Toastmaster*.

PEACE—25

This cynic generation of power politicians and intellectual critics, struck by an invisible malady, has lost the capacity for love and the courage to hope. Therefore they are impotent and cannot bring us peace. But when the world shall have felt a passion for peace and another generation of men shall have recaptured their courage to love and to aspire, then Peace shall steal unaware into our room, and putting her hands across our eyes from behind, whisper, "Guess who?" And before we know it, when we least expect her, she is there to remain by our fireside and bless us and our children with her presence.—LIN YUTANG, "Between Tears and Laughter. (Day)

POPULATION—26

2,320,000,000 is the total population of the world according to latest estimates. Over ½ live in Asia, 9% in N America, and 17% in Europe exclusive of Russia for which no figures are available.—*Report on UN by Rotary Internat'l.*

PRIDE—27

There are 2 insults no human will endure: the assertion that he has no sense of humor and the doubly impudent assertion that he has never known trouble.—SINCLAIR LEWIS, *English Digest*. (London)

PROSPERITY—28

It requires a strong constitution to withstand repeated attacks of prosperity.—*Wesley News*.

think I'd like to play the game his way." The others nodded silently. They weren't feeling pleased with themselves.

Mickey shouted, "Capt—come back—we're all with you." His voice rang out thru the empty corridor. "Come back, Ike, do you hear me — Ike Eisenhower!"*—Abridged from Religious Press Comm release.

RADIO—29

The radio industry's code of standards: "Any broadcasting designed to buy the radio audience, by requiring it to listen in hope of reward, rather than for the quality of its entertainment should be avoided. Contests should offer the opportunity to all contestants to win on the basis of ability and skill, rather than chance . . ."—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by
which we rise
From the lowly earth to the
vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit
round by round.
— JOSIAH G HOLLAND,* from
"Gradatim." 30

RECREATION—31

Recreation is not a secondary concern for a democracy. It is a primary concern, for the kind of recreation a people make for themselves determines the kind of people they become and the kind of society they build.—HARRY A OVERSTREET, *Recreation*.

RELIGION—Russia—32

Stalin and the communists since '18 have liquidated by murder or exile 255,078 mbrs of the clergy and destroyed 88,874 religious edifices. Included are 152,471 priests and monks and 52,032 nuns of the Russian Church; 26,000 rabbis and teachers of the Jewish faith; 16,914 Mohammedan mullahs; 5,106 priests of the Roman Catholic Church; 2,025 Armenian priests; 530 Lutheran pastors; confiscated 18,900,000 acres of church property, stolen \$4 billion worth of church funds in cash.—BOB RIPLEY, *Believe It Or Not*. (Simon & Schuster)

An American senator returning from Europe with Vishinsky remarked to him that he and his wife prayed daily for the peace of the world and the friendship of the U S and Russia. The Russian repl'd, "I never pray."—FRANK S MORLEY, *Pulpit Preaching*.

SAFETY—Accidents—33

More costly than the Marshall Plan is the ever-increasing accident toll in this country. Every 25 sec's someone is injured in a motor

vehicle traffic accident, every 18 min's someone is killed, and property damage adds up to \$170 thousand every hr, day and night.—*Jnl of the American Judicature Society*.

SOCIALIZED MEDICINE—34

The Nat'l Health Service program of Great Britain now has been in operation for 1 yr. During that time 43,500,000 Britons visited 18,636 physicians and 9,379 dentists. They rec'd 5,828,640 pairs of spectacles; 4,932,000 dental treatments, including over 2 million sets of dentures; and 32,228 artificial legs.

Wigs, surgical appliances, medicines, and appendix and tonsil operations were so numerous even the health Ministry could not keep an accurate count of them.

Great Britain's health program costs her workers the equivalent of 17¢ a wk, plus an undetermined amt in direct taxes. Housewives and dependent children make no direct payments, but are eligible for benefits.—*Chicago Sun-Times*.

SPEECH—Thought—35

Think all you speak, but speak not all you think. Thoughts are your own; your words are so no more. — PATRICK DELANY, *Whyte Line*.

SUCCESS—36

The road to success is filled with women pushing their husbands along.—Lord THOS DEWAR, quoted in *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

Columbus*

You think of Columbus as a navigator. I think of him as a salesman. Why? Because he went to Queen Isabella and sold her the idea of pawning her jewels so he could buy 3 ships to sail across this unknown sea to prove that the world was round. If you don't think that was a selling job, try to get some of the men's wives you know to pawn their jewels for a thing as cockeyed as 3 ships to prove the world is round!—HERBERT METZ, *Red Barrel*, hm, Coca-Cola Co.

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It has been est'd that it cost Columbus \$7,250 to discover America.—*Survey Bulletin*. 37

TAXES—38

Colbert, France's famous minister of finance once remarked that the best tax system was the one that "plucked the goose with the least hissing."—Montreal (Canada) *Star*.

TEMPTATION—39

God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers.—WM PENN,* Quaker colonist.

THOUGHT—40

To be an intelligent communist is impossible. To be an intelligent progressive is very difficult. But the hardest thing of all is to be an intelligent conservative. — Count SFORZA, Italian For'gn Min, quoted in *Changing Times*.

TRUTH—41

In the mountains of truth you never climb in vain. — FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE,* German philosopher.

UNITED NATIONS—42

The thing most needed in the UN is united notions.—*Construction Digest*.

WAR—Peace—43

Preventive war is a snare, and war itself, as a solution to the problem of peace, is a delusion . . . War is not inevitable and cannot be desirable. If we could approach the internat'l conf table with the respect for others that would grow out of the true faith in ourselves we might find a solution to the problem of peace that all of us could accept. I do not think we have tried this yet, and I know of no experiment that promises so much.—THEODOR ROSEBURY, *Peace or Pestilence*. (Whittlesey)

WEATHER—44

The announcer on the Welcome Traveler radio program was questioning a little boy, Jimmie Smith, whose father was the weatherman at Albany, N Y.

"Who makes the weather?" the announcer asked.

Jimmie came back with this reply, "God makes the weather, but my father tries to find out what God is going to do next."—JACK MCKINNEY, *Mag Digest*.

WILL POWER—45

Lack of will power has caused more failure than lack of intelligence or ability.—FLOWER A NEW-HOUSE, *Forbes*.

WOMEN—46

A woman is a magician; she speaks a word and turns her husband into a mule. She speaks another and he becomes a fairy prince.—*Labor*.



October 9-15—"Fire Prevention Wk
9-15—Nat'l Business Women's Wk
9-16—Nat'l Leprosy Missions Wk

October 9
1859—b Alfred Dreyfus, French soldier
1863—"b Eiow Bok, Dutch-born American author, editor, philanthropist
1863—"b Gamaliel Bradford, American biographer
1871—Great Chicago fire
1949—Grandmothers Day

October 10
1731—"b Henry Cavendish, English physicist, chemist
1813—"b Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian arctic explorer, scientist, statesman
1813—"b Giuseppe Verdi, Italian operatic composer
1845—U S Naval Academy in Annapolis opened
1895—"b Lin Yutang, Chinese author
1900—"b Helen Hayes, American actress

October 11
1531—d Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer
1821—"b Geo Williams, English merchant, founder of YMCA
1872—"b Harlan Fiske Stone, American lawyer, 12th U S Chief Justice
1884—"b Eleanor Roosevelt, American sociologist, humanitarian, author
1897—"b Jos Auslander, American poet

October 12
1710—"d Jonathan Trumbull, Colonial statesman, patriot
1844—"b Helena Modjeska, Polish-born American actress
1845—"d Elizabeth Fry, English philanthropist, prison reformer
1860—"b Elmer A Sperry, American inventor, electrical engineer
1870—"d Rob't E Lee, American soldier, Comdr-in-chief of the Confederate armies
1881—"d Josiah G Holland, American author, editor
1915—"d Edith Cavell, English nurse
1949—"Columbus Day

October 13
1704—"b Molly Pitcher, American patriot
1792—Cornerstone of White House laid
1821—"b Rudolf Virchow, German physician, scholar
1924—"d Anatole France, French author

October 14
1066—Battle of Hastings
1644—"b Wm Penn, American colonist
1882—"b Eamon de Valera, American-born Irish political leader
1885—"d Henry Wheeler (Josh Billings) Shaw, American humorist
1890—"b Dwight D (Ike) Eisenhower, American gen'l, pres, Columbia Univ

October 15
B C 70—"b Virgil, Roman poet
1764—"d Edw Gibbon conceived idea of writing "Decline & Fall of Roman Empire"
1844—"b Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher
1856—"b Oscar Wilde, English humorist
*Indicates relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.

GOOD STORIES

One of our neighbors is proud of her little boy's scientific knowledge and likes to show him off in front of our bridge club.

One afternoon she asked her poor man's quiz kid: "Bobby, what does it mean when steam comes out of the spout of the kettle?"

"It means," said Bobby, "that you are going to open one of Daddy's letters." — JUDY HASKINS, *Times-Picayune New Orleans States Mag.*

Poverty: A miserable state of existence which deprives one of many things he is better off without.—Home Life, hm, Railroadmen's Fed'l Savings & Loan Ass'n.

The English haven't lost their sense of humor under austerity. One English housewife suggested this recipe for a "1st-rate meal": "Take your meat ration card, roll it in your flour coupons, and put both inside your fat card. Broil it on your coal card to a gentle brown. Next take your potato card and put it in your butter card, bringing the potatoes to a simmer on your paraffin (kerosene) coupon. Then take your ersatz coffee card, add milk and sugar coupons, and dip your bread card in it. Then wipe your mouth with your pedigree card, wash your hands with your soap card and dry them on your textile coupon." — IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter.*

Average man's opinion of:
Nuclear fission—Blank
Einstein Theory—Blank
Gov't Business—Blanks
Heating Situation—Blankets
Communists—Blankety, Blank,
Blank! *) !—*Pathfinder.* c

Recently Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt* remarked in her column on what a long time the French took for their meals, meaning it as a compliment to their cooking and capacity for enjoying life. "Imagine my horror," she confided to her radio audience shortly afterward, "to discover that the French For'gn

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

FRED RUSSELL

Sports editor and columnist
Nashville (Tenn.) Banner

One day a certain catcher tried to find the batting weakness of Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox Star. He noticed that Ted always talked to pitchers, catchers, umpires or anyone else handy. So this catcher dug up some good stories and kept up a running fire of conversation with Ted. It seemed to work. Ted laughed at the stories. He popped up twice. In the 6th, with 2 runners on, Williams up, the catcher decided to use his best story. Ted seemed highly interested, and just as the catcher reached the punch line there was a loud crash and Williams hit one out of the park. As he crossed the plate, Ted smilingly picked up the conversation and inq'd genially: "Then what did she say?" — *Funny Thing About Sports.* (McQuiddy)

Office had issued an edict that henceforth when I was attending any function there were to be fewer courses and the meal was to be served more rapidly!" — JOHN REDDY, *American Mercury.* d

One fellow who drives his arguments home is the one who motors his family back from a picnic. — AD SCHUSTER, *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune.*

The employer called his sec'y, "Here, John, take a look at this letter. I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer. They're both named Smith." And this is what John read: "I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thurs. Smith." — *Encyclopedia of Wit, Humor & Wisdom*, edited by LEEWIN B WILLIAMS. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

An American film producer asked an English friend to look at one of

You Can Use

his "society" films to see that everything was all right.

After watching it for a while, the Englishman asked: "Why does that man keep his hat on when he's talking to a lady in the drawing-room?"

"Because," said the producer, "he can't take it off—another lady's coming in presently, and he's got to raise his hat to her." — *Tit-Bits*. (London)

When a Communist gets in a jam he's certainly in hot vodka! — JOHN CAMERON SWAYZE, radio news commentator.

At a wedding breakfast the other day, a man was called upon without warning to propose a toast to his very close friends, the bride and groom. Unaccustomed to public speaking, he cleared his throat a couple of times while thinking desperately of the right words to say and then plunged courageously to disaster.

"I am sure," he said, raising his glass, "that Jimmy and Joan and I are going to be very happy together!" — *Milwaukee Jnl.*

In early days the average bunkhouse of the lumbering camps crawled with vermin, and blankets were seldom washed from the day they were bought until they rotted apart. The story is told of the society lady who once visited such a bunkhouse, much as a queen might inspect her stables. "What!" she exclaimed, staring incredulously at the straw-filled bunks, and apparently confusing them with managers. "Do these lumberjacks eat hay?" "Madam," the old bull of the woods said grimly, "if you'd sprinkle a little whiskey on it they would." — *Presbyterian Life.* h

In one of Prof Eliot's classes there was a student who had completed a written examination and was told he must sign a statement to the effect that he had rec'd no help. The student, with a straight

face, explained that he couldn't very well sign as he had repeatedly asked God for assistance during the course of the past hr.

Prof Elliot glanced quickly over the written sheets and remarked: "Don't hesitate to sign, son. You didn't get any help!"—*Pageant*.

Four words a day is the total speech allowed a mother-in-law in Budapest, when living in a son-in-law's house. She may say at the proper time, "Good morning" and "Good night." At other times she speaks only when spoken to. — *Townsend Nat'l Wkly.*

You never know what is going on in young minds. I was pleased when my young sons carefully watched my shaving every day until they began to ask hopefully, "Any blood, daddy?"—JOHN MASON BROWN, *Morning Faces*. (Whittemoresey)

Many people deplore the welfare state. What they want is the welfare without so much state.—*Changing Times*.

The recent full-color telecast of a surgical operation for doctors attending a medical conv caused Arthur Godfrey to do some speculating. "Surgery on television," he exclaimed. "Hmmm . . . If that ever catches on things are going to be different. Can't you just hear 2 women talking about their operations:

"My dear, was it that bad? What do you mean bad? Didn't you see the last Hooper rating? My appendix was 4 points higher than Molly Goldberg!" — LARRY WOLTERS, *Detroit Free-Press*.

An artist friend of mine whose ruling passion is spare-time sculpture a few mo's ago retired to a hilly retreat in Pennsylvania. The somber, reflective sort, he soon had developed serious interest in the Quakers as having the kind of simple, unaffected faith for him. It seemed that he was moving toward

acceptance in their church, never a hurried process, when by purest chance he overheard one of the Friends commenting, unofficially, upon the artist's standing in the community.

" . . . not that I aim to judge," the benign old lady was saying to a neighbor, "for it may be found that I have myself broken one of the Ten Commandments—but at least no one can say I've ever made unto myself any graven images!"—ADELAIDE BURKE, *True*.

Relations are simply a tedious pack of people who haven't got the remotest knowledge of how to live, nor the smallest instinct about when to die.—OSCAR WILDE,* Epigrams & Aphorisms. (*Luce*)

When the col came into the living room, seeking his pipe, he found instead his pretty daughter sitting on the lap of her favorite lt. But the young officer proved to be as smart as he was handsome.

Gently lifting his lady-love to her feet, he arose, saluted, and announced, "Sir, I have the honor to report an engagement at close quarters, in which I have been entirely victorious. It merely remains for you to give sanction to the terms of surrender."

The col rejoined: "Carry on, young man, carry on!"—*Wall St Jnl.*

Is it because of hot air that so many diplomats wear stove-pipe hats?—*Labor*.

British For'gn Sec'y Bevin likes to be frank in private, even if it detracts from his public virtues.

Recently Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, was telling the Nat'l Press Club that he and Bevin have had to give up smoking because tobacco has become a luxury in austere England.

Bevin leaned over to his dinner companion and whispered: "The doctors made me give it up."—*Omaha World Herald*.



CONSTRUCTION — Products: "Nerva-Plast," new water-proofing and weather-proofing cement, is cold-setting, adheres to almost any type of surface. Mat'l can be applied by trowel, brush or spray. (*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston)

FIRE—Prevention: New probe-type thermometer with sharp cutting blades on point to detect excessive heat in haymows has been developed by a Mich farmer. Blades go deep into piles of stored hay without scattering them. By keeping close watch on haymow temp's, the danger of spontaneous combustion lessens. (*U P*)

HEARING AIDS: Hearing aid attachment to fix over microphone worn under clothing eliminates noises from movement of clothing. Clothes noise insulator consists of plastic ring backed with cork. Easily attached. (*Grit*)

LIGHTING: Fluorescent lighting adapter converts bulb-type lamps to fluorescent lighting in a few min's; fits almost any floor or table lamp. Unit consists of 2 circular-type 15-watt lamps and 2 button switches. (*Financial Post*, Canada)

SPEECH—Aids: Of use to speakers, educators in many fields of visual training. Portable Pulpit enables reading of text for films or slides in darkened room. Hooded lamp can be used to signal person operating projector to show next picture. Extension cord can be plugged into any convenient outlet. Oravisual Co, Inc, 25 Margemere Drive, Fairfield, Conn. (*Church Mgt*)

URANIUM: New camera-sized Geiger counter has been especially designed for vacationers who wish to go uranium prospecting. (*Detroit Free-Press*)



MINING THE MAGAZINES

A Woman for President?—VINCENT SHEEAN, *Look*, 9-27-'49.

The main difficulty we Americans face in the next few yrs is psychological in nature. A large part of the world is not permitted to believe anything we say. A very much larger part of the world—some 90% of the whole population—is illiterate or barely literate . . .

What we have to do—and are not doing—is to convince the whole mass of the world's population that we want peace—and mean peace. To get thru all the varieties of iron curtain that face us . . . we have to find a way of making ourselves understood . . . I suggest that only by symbols comprehensible to all people in all places can we overcome the wall that has been raised against us. There are certain symbols with imperious power over the human imagination.

One of the chief symbols of this kind is that of the mother. In all the older religions, a mother-goddess has played a great part in the development of human nature. It is still so today. These things—myth, anthropology and the unconscious—are far more important than politicians or economists ever are willing to believe.

What I believe is that if there could be found a woman capable of filling the office of Pres of the U S, the election of such a woman would be the most irresistible symbol we could possibly produce of our will to peace. It would be understood in every Hindu and Chinese village, in every agricultural commune in Russia, in every farm in Poland . . .

The truth is that I think the mother-symbol would *correctly* represent the feeling our people have in this anxious and uncomfortable world situation. The Americans want to help the rest of the world and they do not want war. Only political ideologues on both sides, lost in doctrines and prejudices, could think anything else . . .

In a fairly evenly balanced con-

test, (many) voters would cross the line from one party to the other in the event that a woman became a candidate . . . She would gain voters among women. She would gain them in the ranks of labor. And she would not have to make quite so many contradictory and unfulfillable promises, as candidates usually do during Presidential campaigns. She would have to stand on higher ground. Her symbolism would be almost as effective among the American people before the election as among the peoples of the world afterwards . . .

I do not for the moment consider any of this to be practically possible. But it has appeared to me, for at least 2 yrs, the one symbolic act that would correctly represent the people of the U S during the immediate future. I can think of no curtain, iron, silk or smoke, that could stand against it.

The Proper Place for a Woman—Sen MARGARET CHASE SMITH, *Independent Woman*, 4-'49.

If there is any proper role for women today, it is that of the alert and responsible citizens in the fullest sense of the word. Citizenship is without sex . . . Since the granting of suffrage to women, the only differential between men and women as citizens has been the availability and acceptance of leadership . . .

Women have proved their effectiveness in many fields . . . Whether or not there is a future in politics for women depends upon the women themselves. If they have

Mrs INDIA EDWARDS, exec director of the women's division, Democratic Nat'l Comm: "If women realized their power, if they had any conception of the great contribution they can make to our nat'l life by increased activity in politics and gov't, I do not believe they would hesitate any longer in making that power felt."

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sufficient desire and determination not only to hold public office, but to organize politically and vote in blocs and elect qualified women candidates, then there is definitely a future in politics for women. The inescapable fact is that they hold the control of the public offices with their majority voting power . . .

Basically, the incentive and the attraction of more women in higher public office should stem from the fundamental fact that women are the governors of the home. They legislate the rules at home, they execute and enforce the rules of the home; and they interpret the rules of the home. The importance of their role as governors of the home is that the home is the most fundamental form of gov't. Our community gov'ts are no more than a federation of individual home gov'ts.

The home, then, should not be severed from the gov't. In fact there has been too little of the *home* in the gov't and too much *gov't* in the home. The most obvious and natural way to reverse this trend is to put more of the *home governors* in the gov't.

